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SUBJECT: MARCOS ADDRESSES NATION FOLLOWING JULY 27-28 REFERENDUM

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN NATIONWIDE SPEECH, MARCOS SAW VOTE
AS MADATE MOVE NEW SOCIETY FORWARD AT ACCELERATED PACE
BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN AT "BACKSLIDING" TO "VICES OF OLD
SOCIETY." HE SAID THERE WOULD BE PURGES IN BOTH CIVIL
AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE THESE TENDENCIES.
IN PRESS CONFERENCE, MARCOS DEALT QUITE ADROITLY WITH
QUESTIONS ON LETTER FROM SALONGA GROUP REQUESTING CHANGES
IN REFERENDUM PGLKEBTZE #
AND LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW. RE US-
PHILIPPINE RELATIONS HE INDICATED TIME AT HUGD MOVE FROM TECHNICAL
TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL ON US-GOP TREATY PACKAGE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON AUGUST 4, PRESIDENT MARCOS DELIVERED A SHORT,
NATIONWIDE TELEVISED ADDRESS, FOLLOWED BY A FAIRLY
LENGTHY, SEEMINGLY PREARRANGED PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
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TOUCHED ON A NUMBER OF THEMES.

2. MARCOS CHARACTERIZED THE VOTE AS A RATIFICATION OF NEW SOCIETY POLICIES AND AS A MANDATE FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW SOCIETY REFORMS ON AN ACCELERATED BASIS. HE SAID STABILIZATION PERIOD HAD ENDED AND DEVELOPMENT PERIOD HAD BEGUN. THUS HE PLEDGED TO MOVE FORWARD ON REFORMS IN EDUCATION, LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE, AS WELL AS JUDICIAL REFORMS, AND OTHER PEACE AND ORDER PROGRAMS. HE PLEDGED PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAND REFORM PROGRAM. MARCOS CHARACTERIZED THE BARANGAY AS A BASIC POLITICAL UNIT AND PLEDGED CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THIS CONCEPT TO INSURE PEOPLE'S DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS AND ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED A RELAXATION ON FOREIGN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A MITI-LIKE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

3. MARCOS EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER WHAT HE CHARACTERIZED AS BACKSLIDING TO THE "VICES OF THE OLD SOCIETY." AMONG THESE HE INCLUDED DISCOURTESY, OUTRIGHT CORRUPTION, GRANTING OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND RELIANCE ON SPECIAL CONNECTIONS. HE CRITICIZED RETURN TO OSTENTATION AND CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION AMONG CIVIL AND MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE BORE DOWN HEAVILY AND REPEATEDLY ON THE FACT THAT THE MILITARY SHARED THE BLAME FOR SUCH "BACKSLIDING." HE PROPOSED NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

4. MARCOS STATED THAT, TO ELIMINATE SUCH "BACKSLIDING", THERE WOULD BE PURGES IN THE MILITARY AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HE REGRETTED WOULD AFFECT MANY WHO HAD HELPED ESTABLISH NEW SOCIETY. HE SAID IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT FAILURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOT MEAN RETURN TO POWER OF HIS OPPONENTS BUT WOULD MEAN REVOLUTION.

5. A NUMBER OF PRESS CONFERENCE QUESTIONS DEALT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN LETTER FROM FORMER SENATOR SALONGA AND OTHERS, INCLUDING CHANGES IN MANNER IN WHICH REFERENDUM WAS TO BE HELD AND LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW. MARCOS CHARACTERIZED THE SALONGA GROUP'S LETTER AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE VICES OF THE OLD SOCIETY AND SAID THE BARANGAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD CONSIDERED AND REJECTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS (SEP. AIRGRAM).

6. AS TO THE EVENTUAL LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW, MARCOS STATED THAT THE BARANGAYS HAD ONLY JUST INDICATED THEY WISHED MARTIAL LAW CONTINUED FOR THE TIME BEING. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT MARTIAL LAW CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE PERMANENT BUT IS ONLY A TRANSITORY PERIOD. IN REPLY

TO QUESTIONING, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD OF COURSE ALLOW PUBLICATION OF OPPOSITION VIEWS IN THE PRESS BUT THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE SINCE THE PEOPLE DO NOT WISH A LOT OF DEBATING, CARPING, DILLY-DALLYING, PRO-CRASTINATIONS AND SUCH OTHER LAWYERS' DELAYING TACTICS; THEY WANT TO GET AHEAD WITH THE NEW SOCIETY. WHILE HE DID NOT DIRECTLY DECLINE PUBLIC DEBATE WITH OPPOSITION FIGURES, MARCOS SUGGESTED THAT THE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT WISH HIM TO WASTE HIS TIME DEBATING WITH PEOPLE WHOSE MOTIVES WERE SUSPECT, RATHER THAN GETTING ON WITH THE JOB.

7. ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, MARCOS SAW THE REFERENDUM AS A SIGNAL FOR CONTINUATION OF PRESENT POLICIES, WHICH INCLUDED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND PRC BUT DECLINED TO INDICATE ANY TIMETABLE ON SUCH MOVES. WITH RESPECT TO RENEGOTIATIONS OF TREATY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID SUCH NEGOTIATIONS HAD TECHNICAL, MINISTERIAL AND POLITICAL LEVELS. HE STATED THAT WORKING LEVEL TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME AND SAID, "WE COULD PROBABLY THINK NOW THAT THE TECHNICAL PANELS ARE THROUGH AND THE NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOW MOVE TOWARDS THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL NOW THAT THE NEW AMBASSADOR IS HERE."

8. COMMENT: MARCOS SPOKE STRONGLY AND WITH CONFIDENCE AND DEALT WITH SALONGA LETTER IN A EFFECTVE MANNER. DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS FAIRLY APPARENT THAT QUESTIONS WERE PRE-PLANNED, THE PERFORMANCE WAS A RELATIVELY STRONG ONE.

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